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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fault monitoring method of a commodity management radio communicating apparatus in which plural portable radio communication terminals in a commodity management system manage commodities by communicating with an inventory controller via a radio communication base station, said fault monitoring method comprising:

a step of automatically executing a test of a radio communication section in said portable radio communication terminals when a number of retrying times of radio communication between said portable radio communication terminals and said radio communication base station exceeds a predetermined number of times; and

a step of displaying a fault of said radio communication section on a display section of said portable radio communication terminals when said fault occurs.

- 2. The fault monitoring method of the commodity management radio communicating apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a call time interval of retrying said radio communication between said portable radio communication terminals and said radio communication base station is set longer than an average communication time of said radio communication between said portable radio communication terminals and said radio communication base station in said commodity management system.
- 3. The fault monitoring method of the commodity management radio communicating apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said

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test for said radio communication section is executed after checking that said radio communication between each said portable radio communication terminal and said radio communication base station is vacant continuously in a case out of an execution prohibiting time zone in said commodity management system.

- 4. The fault monitoring method of the commodity management radio communicating apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said test for said radio communication section is executed after passing a predetermined time by returning to a check of a vacant state in said case out of said execution prohibiting time zone in said commodity management system when said radio communication between each said portable radio communication terminal and said radio communication base station and is waited for until said vacant state.
- 5. The fault monitoring method of the commodity management radio communicating apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said test for said radio communication section is executed after passing a predetermined time by returning to a check of said execution prohibiting time zone of said test in a case in said execution prohibiting time zone in said commodity management system and is waited for until out of said execution prohibiting time zone.
- 1 6. The fault monitoring method of the commodity

 2 management radio communicating apparatus according to Claim 4,

 3 wherein said test for said radio communication section is executed

 4 after passing a predetermined time by returning to a check of said

execution prohibiting time zone of said test in a case in said
execution prohibiting time zone in said commodity management
system and is waited for until out of said execution prohibiting
time zone.

7. A storage medium storing a fault monitoring program to cause a computer to carry out a fault monitoring method of a commodity management radio communicating apparatus in which plural portable radio communication terminals in a commodity management system manage commodities by communicating with an inventory controller via a radio communication base station, said fault monitoring method comprising:

a step of automatically executing a test of a radio communication section in said portable radio communication terminals when a number of retrying times of radio communication between said portable radio communication terminals and said radio communication base station exceeds a predetermined number of times; and

a step of displaying a fault of said radio communication section on a display section of said portable radio communication terminals when said fault occurs.

8. A fault monitoring program to cause a computer to carry out a fault monitoring method of a commodity management radio communicating apparatus in which plural portable radio communication terminals in a commodity management system manage commodities by communicating with an inventory controller via a radio communication base station, said fault monitoring method comprising:



a step of automatically executing a test of a radio communication section in said portable radio communication terminals when a number of retrying times of radio communication between said portable radio communication terminals and said radio communication base station exceeds a predetermined number of times; and

a step of displaying a fault of said radio communication

section on a display section of said portable radio communication terminals when said fault occurs.